



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Naoki ABE, et al.

Title: AUTOMATIC PRICING METHOD AND DEVICE

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Examiner: Johnna Ronee Loftis

Art Unit: 3623

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 27, 2005, applicants hereby elect Group I, including claims 1-2, drawn to a pricing method for prosecution in the subject application.

Applicants, of course, reserve the right to file divisional applications covering the subject matter of the non-elected claims.

**Substance of Examiner Initiated Interview on December 20, 2005**

In the interview, the examiner indicated restriction of claims 1-4. Applicants' representative requested that a written restriction requirement be mailed for consideration by applicants.



Receipt of the initial Office Action on the merits is awaited.

Should additional fees be necessary in connection with the filing of this paper, or if a petition for extension of time is required for timely acceptance of same, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge deposit account No. 19-0741 for any such fees; and applicants hereby petition for any needed extension of time.

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